

Maine PUC Docket No. 2007-67  
Labor Intervenors' Response to FairPoint Data Requests, FP-I-4

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Me. P.U.C. Case No. <u>2007-67</u>
Exhibit No. <u>FP-33 (10/5/07)</u>
Witness <u>R. Barber</u>
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FP-I-4-20: Regarding your testimony at Page 30, lines 7-10 of your Public Testimony, based on your experience with the ILEC industry, is it typical or atypical for local exchange carriers today to have capital expenditures that are less than depreciation and amortization?

While Mr. Barber has not performed an analysis on the subject, he believes that it would be typical for a local exchange carrier to have capital expenditures that are less than depreciation and amortization. However, whether or not typical, he also believes that Verizon's NNE has clearly suffered from underinvestment in the past, and he believes that the standard to which Verizon – or its successor – should be held to should not be what others do but what is required in NNE.

Responsible witness: Randy Barber

